



Zero Waste Arlington July 2022 Meeting Minutes

Date: 7/28/22

Time: 7:00

Location: *Online Zoom Meeting*

Attendees:

Members: Larry Slotnick, Paul Goldberg, Emily Dertz, Jim Ballin, Jennifer Campbell, Charlotte Milan, Priya Sankalia, Scott Mullen

Residents: Amy Speare

Agenda:

1. Old Business
 - a. Review and approve June 2022 ZWA meeting minutes
2. New Business
 - a. Introductions
 - b. Budget Update
 - c. Article 12 implementation update
 - d. Website design update
 - e. Town Day planning
 - f. Recycling Coordinator update
 - g. Subcommittee updates as needed

Minutes:

1. Approved June minutes unanimously
2. No Plastic Please campaign update - Emily Dertz
 - a. Sarah working on flyer
 - b. We're planning outreach to restaurants in August
3. Arlington on Tap (AoT) campaign - update from Jennifer and Jim
 - a. Health department sending memo to 211 businesses - alternatives flyer
 - b. Encouraging restaurants to offer water to residents and highlight them on website and add to map
 - c. Working on some communication with stakeholders
 - d. \$50,000 funding for water filling stations is in the budget that the Governor just signed—next step is meeting with the Town Manager to discuss a plan for spending these funds and ZWA recommendations

- i. Amy asked about CPA funding and the maintenance aspect of it. Jim - it is one-time \$\$ so not sure it is most appropriate for maintenance but some of it could be allocated for it.
 - ii. Larry - outreach to other towns seems to indicate minimal basic maintenance
- 4. Website update
 - a. Priya provided an update on the website
 - b. Amy suggested a press release and the town
 - c. Discussion on timing - when should we do all this? August or Sept?
 - d. Larry would like us to add the businesses we want to highlight for NPP
 - e. Might be good to launch in August if we are doing the NPP outreach - Amy will work with Charlotte to get it launched.
- 5. Policy discussion
 - a. None of the issues that Paul and Scott have been following have been passed - several are in Ways & Means but there's a funnel of bills trying to get passed so everyone is lobbying and it might not get through
 - b. Next legislative session we can work on it a bit more - we have a better sense of how to handle this.
- 6. Town Day Planning
 - a. We'll use a stamp and a frame with a QR code to the website etc.
 - b. We are also in contact with Len Diggins about providing free drinking water in a central location and promotions to "bring your own water bottle"
 - c. We will work with food vendors to share Arlington on Tap flyers and promote our free drinking water at the event
- 7. The Black Plastic installation
 - a. possibly on the high school lawn or Jason Russell House
- 8. Recycling Coordinator Update
 - a. New # for hauler - Arlington residents can call
 - b. opportunity to collect data is better
 - c. swap shed every Thu all summer long
 - d. should we put forward a proposal for 35 gallon covered trash containers and 64 gallon recycling carts? There is some grant funding for providing the recycling carts for each household, but it would require additional funding and buy-in from the Town. Discuss in October, after Town Day.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20